

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (18/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Clemente (1/19)

The **Chair** announced that the meeting was being simulcast on the Internet.

Representative Palsrok moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on April 17, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Chair Meisner announced that the committee would be discussing two bills that were expected to be referred to the committee later in the day.

The first bill was **Senate Bill 400**.

SB 400	Allen	Economic development; plant rehabilitation; definition of industrial property; modify.
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Joe Agostinelli, from the Office of **Senator Allen**, explained the intent of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

The second bill was proposed **House Bill 4629**.

HB 4629	McDowell	Economic development; plant rehabilitation; strategic response center; provide for definition.
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Representative McDowell explained the intent of the proposed bill.

Andy Hayes and **Lyn Johnson**, representing Emmet County, spoke in support of proposed **House Bill 4629**.

John Czarnecki, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, spoke in **support** of both bills.

Questions and discussion followed.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4619** before the committee.

HB 4619 Meisner Income tax; credit; credit for new businesses for premiums paid for an eligible health benefit plan; provide for.

Chair Meisner explained the intent of the bill.

Todd Anderson, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Representative Robert Jones moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representative Clemente**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:02 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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